

Torrance, California
March 22, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 22, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. Sam Levy led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

HEARING ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Mayor Drale announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Debt Limit Report covering the proposed improvement of Del Amo Boulevard Improvement District, by the construction and installation therein of curbs, gutters, driveway aprons, and sidewalks.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the affidavit of mailing notices. Councilman Blount moved the Council accept the affidavit and order it received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of protests or objections against the work proposed to be done or the district proposed to be assessed, as described in the Resolution determining the nature, location and extent of the proposed improvement (Resolution No. 2661, adopted on the 14th day of December, 1954).

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger then read the Debt Limit Report, except as to the map, plat or diagram and the assessed valuations and the true valuations of and assessments and estimated assessments upon each parcel of land.

Mayor Drale inquired if any written protests had been filed with the City Clerk. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger replied that no written protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing. Mayor Drale then asked if anyone present desired to be heard in this matter, but received no reply.

There being no protests, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a full, fair and impartial hearing having been granted, and the City Council having before them the Debt Limit Report, and a diagram of the assessment district and being familiar with the assessment district, the following action was taken: Upon motion by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Isen, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, the hearing was declared closed and any and all protests were denied.

City Engineer Bishop then presented and Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2701

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO 1740.33 FEET EAST, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE,

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BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, DRIVEWAY APRONS, AND SIDEWALKS, IS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; DENYING PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT; FINDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS UPON THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS, AS IMPOSED BY PART 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO THE ASSESSMENTS OR ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE DISREGARDED; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2701. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON VACATION OF STREETS IN TRACT NO. 10307: Mayor Drale announced that this was the time and place for the Council to take final action on the vacation of certain streets in Tract No. 10307, in the City of Torrance, as set forth in Resolution of Intention No. 2695.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication and stated that no written protests had been received.

Mayor Drale asked for oral protests or communications, but received no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be declared closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Discussion followed as to the next proper procedure and City Attorney Hall advised that he would prepare and present the appropriate Ordinance.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Women's Auxiliary, Torrance Memorial Hospital, requesting permission to hold a rummage sale on April 1 and 2 in the Torrance Theater Building.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Public Utilities Commission Notice of Hearing in the Matter of the California Water Service Company Application for increase in rates.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the communication and that the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved the Council go on record as being opposed to this increase in rates. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Drale asked that the City Attorney notify the Public Utilities Commission, by the usual legal procedure, of the opposition to the increase in rates of the California Water Service Company.

Retail Clerks' International Association, A.F.L. Local 905, requesting adoption of legal measures to enforce fencing of oil wells.

Councilman Benstead moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for his study and recommendation to the City Council in the near future. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Joseph L. Tomchak, claiming damages to car at Hawthorne Boulevard and 240th Street.

Councilman Blount stated that, inasmuch as this is a State Highway and the improvement being carried on by a private contractor, he would move this claim be denied and referred to the proper people. He suggested that Mr. Tomchak be advised of the fact that the City has no liability. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by

Mayor Drale.

Councilman Isen suggested that our insurance carrier receive a copy of the communication, and it was decided that the City Clerk's office would write the necessary communications relative to this matter.

Petition signed by 103 residents adjacent to Seaside School, protesting proposed installation of recreational golf course.

Councilman Blount moved the petition be forwarded to the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from City of Santa Monica, accompanied by a certified copy of their Resolution No. 1388, requesting that immediate action be taken to discontinue the discharge of raw sewage in Ballona Creek.

Councilman Isen moved the communication and accompanying material be filed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Schwab stated that he believed some action should be taken on this matter and asked City Manager Stevens for information concerning it.

City Manager Stevens explained that this resolution was similar to the one recently forwarded to us from Culver City, based on the fact that the City of Los Angeles North Outfall Sewer, which runs along Ballona Creek through Culver City, is so arranged that it overflows into Ballona Creek and the raw sewage flows on down to the ocean, which threatens to pollute all the beaches. Mr. Stevens said that these resolutions are in fact the banding together of the beach cities in an effort to protect the beaches. Councilman Schwab asked if this sewage could affect our beach and Mr. Stevens replied that it could, as the tides go south.

Councilman Isen rescinded his motion and Mayor Drale his second. Councilman Isen then moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney and City Manager for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Invitation from California Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association to attend Conference in Riverside, California, April 28, 29 and 30.

Mayor Drale moved the communication be referred to City Manager Stevens for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered.

County Board of Supervisors, requesting passage of Ordinance to abolish single chamber incinerators within our City limits by July 1, 1955, accompanied by a letter to the Board of Supervisors from Arthur J. Will, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mayor Drale said he understood that the deadline date of July 1 has been postponed, and moved that the matter be tabled until such time as a more definite date has been established. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Torrance Herald, advising of deadline for publication of legal notices.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with the reading of the letter and that the same be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

George M. Vermillion, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, requesting passage by the City of Torrance of a Resolution protesting certain bills concerning Tidelands monies.

Mayor Drale asked City Attorney Hall for his recommendation and Mr. Hall replied that he would recommend we go along with the City of Long Beach.

Mayor Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney regarding the communication from the City of Long Beach. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to draw up the necessary resolution and that a copy of it be forwarded to the Mayor of Long Beach. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

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Shoreline Planning Association of California, Inc., urging opposition to legislation that would divert Tideland funds for purposes other than beaches and parks.

Discussion was held and Councilman Isen moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney, City Manager and Recreation Director for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Torrance Civil Service Board, stating that the Western Regional Conference of the Civil Service Assembly will be held May 23 to 26, 1955, at Hobart, Lake County, California, and requesting approval of an expense allowance for any member of the Board, including the Secretary, who may be able to attend this Conference.

Discussion was held and Mayor Drale moved that two representatives of the Civil Service Board (two members or one member and the Secretary) be authorized to attend the Conference with appropriate expenses paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale asked that the office of the City Clerk notify the Chairman of the Board of this action.

Downtown Retail Merchants Association, regarding obtaining new parking lot facilities.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Recommendation of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. Annie I. MacDonald was employed as an Account Clerk in the office of the City Treasurer, effective February 9, 1955, on a part-time basis at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)

Councilman Benstead moved the Council concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For purchase of a Standard-Johnson F-1 #38179 coin-sorting and counting machine, the sum of \$854.45. The \$100 paid for three months rental of this machine will be applied to the purchase price. (From Parking Meter Funds.)

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 1 under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. For purchase of a Memo Tape, the sum of \$305.00

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 2 under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of February, the sum of \$2,643.75.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Item 3 under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Tony Parravano, President of Grand Construction Company, (and also signed by Tony Parravano, individually) agreeing to cause the installation of sewers in Tract No. 21246 by one of three methods set forth in the communication.

Mayor Drale explained that approval had been held up on this tract, as there was no definite information regarding the installation of sewers.

Councilman Isen moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Tentative Tract No. 21246, providing the letter dated March 21, 1955, addressed to Mr. Patrick, under the signature of Grand Construction Company and Tony Parravano, individually, be incorporated, and the methods suggested, or any one of them optionally, be made a part of the conditions for sewer installation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

Easement in Tract No. 18594: Communication from City Engineer Bishop, submitting an easement given by John Wm. Bill and Martha T. Bill for a storm drain to be constructed on the westerly four feet of Lot 11, Tract No. 18594. This storm drain will convey the water from the northerly fill slope of the Newton School to the Pacific Coast Highway Service Road. Accompanying this communication was a sketch showing the location of the proposed easement, Resolution No. 2691 authorizing its acceptance, and a copy of the letter received from the Torrance Unified School District, consenting to pay for the installation of said storm drain.

Mayor Drale moved the letter from the School Board be made a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2691

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM JOHN W. BILL AND MARTHA T. BILL.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2691. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Tentative Tract Map No. 21512: Submitted by Hazel F. Norris, located northerly of 166th Street, westerly of Tract No. 19472, easterly of Casimir Avenue and containing 43 lots.

Mr. Stevens explained that we now have a street easement of eleven feet, which will give us a forty-one foot street.

Mayor Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 21512. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Final Tract Map No. 21189: Submitted by Kauffman Construction Company, located easterly of Anza Avenue and westerly of Inglewood Avenue and Deelane Street, containing 29 lots and recommended for Final Approval by the Planning Commission

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 21189. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Tentative Tract Map No. 21645: Submitted by R.A. Watt, located easterly of Casimir Avenue, westerly of Arlington Avenue, northerly of Tract No. 16326 and southerly of 170th Street, containing 63 lots, and approved by the Planning Commission with four special conditions.

Discussion was held on that portion of 170th Street which was shown on the accompanying sketch as a 30-foot street. Councilman Schwab moved the matter be sent back to the Engineering Department and returned to the Council when it is definitely known just what is going in on the 30-foot street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount, but after further discussion Councilman Schwab withdrew his motion and Councilman Blount his second.

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Drale declared a recess and the meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Further discussion had been held on this map during the recess and Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 21645, and in addition to all the Special Conditions the following stipulations be included: That on the corner of Casimir and 170th Street, which is the property outside of this tract, the 20-foot drainage easement the City of Torrance presently holds be converted by Mr. Freitas to give the City of Torrance a street easement; and that the subdivider be required as a condition of this tract map to fully improve the twenty feet, including a sidewalk of three feet; that the thirty-foot street, as shown on the map opposite Ormonde Street, be improved as a full forty-foot street; and that the Planning Commission be requested to set aside the other half of the street when the other property is subdivided. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Planning Commission Recommendations:

1. That the City Council consider changing the minimum lot size in the City of Torrance to 6,500 square feet, instead of the present 5,000 square feet, with a minimum frontage of sixty feet.

Discussion was held and it was pointed out that this minimum would affect only those lots not recorded at the time the amendment to the Ordinance goes into effect.

Councilman Schwab moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and change the minimum lot size to 6,500 square feet with a minimum frontage of sixty feet. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Robert Jahn, 440 Via Linda Vista, Builder, asked if this would affect small parcels of land, for example one which could be divided into three lots having a width of 55 to 58 feet. He was informed that in such cases a Variance could be applied for and consideration would be given on such hardship cases as is now done under the present Ordinance; that the facts are weighed and considered in each case. Mayor Drale added that he didn't believe any fair and reasonable request had been turned down by the present Planning Commission and Council.

2. That the City Council consider amending the Subdivision Ordinance to require ornamental street lights provided in all new subdivisions.

When asked for his opinion on this subject, City Manager Stevens stated that we face a problem if we do require ornamental street lights to go into all the new subdivisions, in that we must provide for lighting districts to go right along with them. He explained that last year there were a total of 4,078 dwelling units for which Building Permits were issued. Assuming that there were 4,000 lots with a minimum of one street light to each ten lots, it would require 400 street lamps which would cost us \$3 to \$4 per month, and we would have a bill we couldn't possibly pay out of the General Fund. Therefore, we must look to the formation of lighting districts to go along with this requirement. Mr. Stevens

said he felt the Council should know this, or all of a sudden we will be involved in a financial problem, as the General Fund could no longer carry it.

Mayor Drale said he felt this matter should be held over for further study and so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

3. Requesting waiver on the front setbacks of the houses located on the perimeter of the cul-de-sac, so that they may be in line with the other houses on the street. In extreme cases this will be approximately a seven-foot setback and the Commission recommends approval, as long as the houses keep in line with the other houses.

Mayor Drale asked what the particular reason was for the request and Planning Commission Secretary Powell replied that it was the opinion of the Planning Commission that if it is decided to put the street on through there would be these two houses set back out of line with all the rest of them.

Councilman Isen moved the matter be tabled for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

4. That Land Use Ordinance No. 612 be amended as set forth in material accompanying a letter from the Planning Commission under date of February 11, 1955.

Secretary Powell went over each item of the proposed amendments and explained the reason for the Planning Commission recommendation on each.

It was decided that these matters should be discussed further before any action is taken, and that they should be held over to the pre-Council meeting of April 5, 1955, at 5:00 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2702

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT DEED TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM HARRY KISSEL AND DOROTHY KISSEL.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2702. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said that, because the price isn't mentioned in this Resolution, he would recommend that he be authorized to close the escrow on this property and submit the purchase price in the amount of \$3,000 per lot.

Councilman Schwab so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2703

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROJECTS AS PROPOSED IN S. 500 AND H.R. 270 AND THE FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT AS PROPOSED IN S. 300 AND H.R. 412, NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2703. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2704

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ALLOCATION OF RECREATION FUNDS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2704. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2684

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO VARIOUS OWNERS OF RECORD.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2684. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen asked for clarification on this Resolution by the City Manager and Mr. Stevens replied that when we acquired the old Quandt Water Company we also acquired a lot of miscellaneous easements and in order to clear the title and develop the property the owners of the property have requested this quitclaim deed. He further stated that we will get the water mains and service them in the streets where they should be.

RESOLUTION NO. 2705

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 591 NOW IN COMMITTEE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2705. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved the Chamber of Commerce be furnished a copy of this Resolution, as they might like to protest it also. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

ORDINANCE NO. 731

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF AN AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH COMMISSION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2584.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 731 at its first reading, providing that Section 7 is deleted and replaced with a Section declaring the City Attorney and City Manager as ex-officio members of this Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 733

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 397 BY ADDING A PROVISION THERETO
EXEMPTING THE SALE OF PROPERTY BY MANUFACTURERS
FROM SALES TAX WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS TO BE
TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHOUT
UNDUE DELAY.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the Ordinance in full.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 733 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 734

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL
MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Mayor Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 734 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 735

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612;
RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 331.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 735 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 736

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612,
RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 334.

Mayor Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 736 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 737

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE,
SANITATION AND CONDUCT OF TRAILER PARKS AND TRAILER
COACHES AND/OR CAMP CARS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION
THEREOF, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 694.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 737 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Manager Stevens advised that the principals involved in the Hody lease would like to get together with the members of the City Council on Tuesday noon, probably for a luncheon meeting with Mr. Hoedemaker, and go over their proposal.

Discussion was held on the convenience of this time and date. It was decided that all members could best make the appointment for Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

City Manager Stevens said he would confirm this date and time and advise all concerned.

City Attorney Hall advised that he has hired a young attorney, Stanley E. Remelmeyer, for a period of two months, effective March 28, 1955, at a salary of \$400 per month. He said this man is very qualified, being a graduate of Harvard Law School, and at this particular time he will be able to give the City its dollar's worth.

Mayor Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall in employing this Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall stated that in the case of Torrance vs. Hippy, condemnation of that particular lot on Paseo de Gracia in Hollywood Riviera, we have instituted action to take over, but we can dispose of this case for the sum of \$2,500. Mr. Hall so recommended. He said he thought it was a little high, but instead of litigating it, we are so close to the margin we should pay it.

Mayor Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall in acquiring this lot. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall recommended that the annexation hearing date set for April 5, 1955, be cancelled. He said this recommendation is made because the issue is so clouded as to what the legal rights are. He further stated he was convinced that we are either going to have to start over or adopt another proceeding, and he is of the opinion that the public should be so advised.

Councilman Isen moved the annexation hearing scheduled for April 5, 1955, be cancelled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Councilman Isen said that in a matter pertaining to the parking problems considered tonight, he thought there was considerable hardship created in situations where there is no parking area by street or behind existing stores, in connection with commercial vehicles. It has been brought to his attention that a number of commercial dealers are on the spot, as they are continually feeding the parking meters a nickel at a time and forgetting to do so from time to time. He felt this matter should be referred to the City Manager for a recommendation along the line that a certain monthly fee could be determined and a special tag placed on that particular commercial vehicle having a commercial license plate. The Police Department could act as the clearance to determine if there is a hardship to permit it. Mr. Isen said he knew of some specific cases which warrant this attention, and inquired if City Manager Stevens had heard of any complaint along this line.

City Manager Stevens replied that he has not received any complaints, but that he did know in some cities taxicabs and other commercial vehicles buy a monthly permit to park and they have a certain way of identifying them.

Councilman Isen said he was not referring to areas where parking is available, but only to those without it. Requests have been received for yellow loading zones, but if those zones are given to certain establishments they would soon be requested all over town again.

Councilman Isen moved this problem be referred to the City Manager for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Isen referred to the informal meeting with the Parking Authority Committee and moved that the offers as contained in the two letters from Mr. Binder, dated May 21, 1954, and March 8, 1955, be accepted, subject to the right of the City Council to determine the plans for parking meters, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an agreement. Discussion followed with City Manager Stevens suggesting that the second lot be developed; that the third lot be included but the City not be obligated to improve it at this time. It was decided that this could be included in the agreement. Mayor Drale seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Isen moved the report of the Parking Committee, which has been presented and which is now on file in the office of the City Clerk, be approved. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOT VOTING: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Isen moved the City Attorney be authorized to take the necessary legal procedures to effect the formation of a Parking Assessment District. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOT VOTING: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Drale referred to a communication from City Attorney Hall addressed to Mr. Elmo L. Buttle, Chief, Surplus Real Property Branch, General Services Administration, San Francisco, California, under date of March 21, 1955, which had been read by each Council member, and moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney that it be mailed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount said he felt that in all the parking matters discussed, unless there is proper policing of the ordinances they are not much good. He further stated that next week he is going to call the names of certain City employees who are violating ordinances and request the papers to print all names unless these violations cease immediately. He specifically mentioned that certain members of the Police Department have violated certain ordinances and if the practice continues he will have a list next week.

There being no further oral communications, Councilman Blount moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:35 p.m. Councilman Benstead moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By *L. H. Haggan*
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Nicholas O. Drale
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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